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TO AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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SUBJECT: BUENOS AIRES CONSULAR PROBLEM

FOR CHAPIN SAO PAULO AND TIPTON SANTIAGO

1. THE BUREAU APPRECIATES YOUR COOPERATION IN AGREEING TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT STUDY OF BUENOS AIRES CONSULAR ACTIVITY. AMBASSADOR HILL AND THE BUREAU WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON PERSONNEL AND WORKLOAD ALLOCATION, AND RELATED MANAGEMENT ISSUES. THE SHORT TERM GOAL IS TO FIND A MEANS FOR CLEARING UP NIV AND IV BACKLOGS. OVER THE LONGER TERM, THE EMBASSY SEEKS TO DEVELOP A CONSULAR ORGANIZATION AIMED AT MEETING CHANGED CONDITIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH THE BUENOS AIRES EMBASSY STAFF (INCLUDING THAT OF OTHER AGENCIES) HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY HALVED DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE CONSULAR COMPLEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REDUCED. DURING THIS PERIOD, HOWEVER, THE NIV LOAD HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY APPARENTLY AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL

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FACTORS AND A GOA POLICY LIBERALIZING THE AVAILABILITY

OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. THE CONSULATE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO HANDLE THE NUMBERS OF DAILY NIV APPLICANTS WITH THE RESULT THAT SERIOUS BACKLOGS ARE

DEVELOPING WITH CHARACTERISTIC SIDE EFFECTS (I.E., EMBASSY SECTIONS ARE BEING IMPORTUNED FOR VISA ASSISTANCE BY CONTACTS AND FRIENDS, AND OTHER VISA ISSUING POSTS THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE ARE EXPERIENCING A MARKED INCREASE IN ARGENTINE APPLICANTS WISHING TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES). ALSO, THE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF ITS INABILITY TO PROCESS IV DEMAND IN JANUARY.

3. THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS A NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF 6 AMERICANS AND 18 LOCALS. A NEW OFFICER IS ARRIVING JANUARY 17 TO FILL A POSITION VACANT FOR THE PAST MONTH. IN ADDITION, A VISA OFFICER FROM CARACAS IS ARRIVING FOR A MAXIMUM 30 DAY TDY TO HELP CLEAN UP CURRENT BACKLOGS. BUENOS AIRES RECENTLY REPORTED ANOMOLY OF UNAUTHORIZED AMERICAN WORKING IN CONSULAR SECTION UNDER "LETTER OF AGREEMENT". WE PREFER TO REGULARIZE POSITION WITHIN OUR POSSIBILITIES.

4. THE BUENOS AIRES SECTION HAS LONG INSISTED THEY ARE UNDERSTAFFED AND THE BUREAU HAS TENTATIVELY PROGRAMMED FOR THEM ONE LOCAL POSITION IN FY 75 AND ONE AMERICAN AND TWO LOCALS IN FY 76. MEANWHILE, THE BUENOS AIRES NIV WORKLOAD ROSE FROM 43,000 IN FY 74 (WITH APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT REFUSAL RATE) TO AN ESTIMATED LOAD OF 56,675 IN FY 75. THEIR IV CASELOAD IN FY 74 WAS 3,464 (WITH A 29 PERCENT REFUSAL RATE). VISA OFFICE WORK RATIOS FOR FY 74 NIV CASELOAD WERE .2 AND FOR IVS 4.3. THE CURRENT BUENOS AIRES STAFF IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF OTHER MORE OR LESS SIMILARLY BURDENED POSTS. THE FOLLOWING COMPARISONS MAY BE HELPFUL:

---- FY 74

---- NIVS RATIO IVS RATIO

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BOGOTA	43,115	.2	5,874	2.9
LIMA	30,888	.2	1,481	3.9
CARACAS	52,756	.3	1,106	4.2
SAO PAULO	40,326	.2	778	3.1

5. AS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND, BUREAU IS REPEATING AMBASSADOR HILL'S MOST RECENT CABLE. SUGGEST YOU ALSO REVIEW FOLLOWING MESSAGES AT EMBASSY. BUENOS AIRES 9315,

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